

CLAIMS

1. A communication aid for communicating from a first language L1 to a second language L2, comprising a database of possible messages to be communicated, each message being recorded in a first language L1, a second language L2 and a phonetic equivalent of the second language, characterised in that the communication aid includes a two-sided visual display facility designed to allow a selected message to be withdrawn from the database and to be displayed in the first language L1 and phonetically in the second language L2 on a first side of the display facility, and in a second language L2 on a second side of the display facility.
2. A communication aid according to Claim 1 characterised by an electronic memory having three different parts for storing phrases or words respectively in the first language L1, phonetically in the second language “L” and in the second language L” and means defining an association between an address in each of the three parts.
3. A communication aid according to claim 1 characterised by a pack of cards, each carrying a respective message, the message being printed in language L1 and in the phonetic equivalent of L2 on one side of the card, and in language L2 on the other side of the card.

4. A communication aid according to Claim 1 or 3 characterised in that the second side of each card also carries a greeting in language L2.

5. A communication aid according to Claim 1, 3 or 4 characterised in that
5 the visual display facility is designed to be hand-held and is adapted to carry two messages simultaneously, with one message being inverted relative to the other and the messages being displayed at opposite ends of the display.

6. A communication aid characterised by: a display device for displaying
10 information to two people (a) and (b) on different sides of the display device; a database of information partitioned into two parts (a) and (b) containing information appropriate to the respective aforesaid people; means linking each element of information in part (a) with an element of information in part (b); and means for displaying a selected element of
15 information on one side of the display device and the associated element of information on the other side of the display device.

7. A communication aid according to Claim 6 further characterised by a database of information partitioned into three parts (a), (c) and (b); means
20 linking each element of information in part (a) with an element in part (b) and an element in part (c); and means for displaying a selected element of information from part (a) with the associated element from part (c) on one

side of the display device and the associated element of information (b) on the other side of the display.

8. A communication aid according to Claim 6 or 7 characterised in that
5 part (a) contains phrases in a first language and part (b) contains corresponding phrases in a second language.

9. A communication aid comprising: a display device for displaying
information to two people on different sides of the display device;
10 characterised by means for entering or selecting information in a first language and displaying it on one of the two sides; and means for displaying a translation of the information into a second language on the other side.